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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 29 July 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-82 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-82 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 52-54 and 56 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 52 recites the limitation "'said mapping application" in line 1. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 56 recites the limitation "'said mapping application" in line 3. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claims 53 and 54 are rejected as depending from a rejected claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting

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directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000.

Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-3,5-15,17-20,22-24,26-32,39-42,44-51,55- 57,59-64,66,67,70,71 and 82 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US PAT 6,240,365 to Bunn.

As to claims 1,22,39,44,59,66, Bunn discloses a wireless gateway that connects mobile and remote assets through multiple wireless networks and the Internet (fig1), location aware logic for receiving location information (global positioning satellite (GPS) receivers, col 3, lines 28-32), the device allows the system to handle location information (inherent in GPS receivers), to tag events (the vehicle's location) the system is shown as using the Internet (col 3, lines 5-10).

As to claims 2,23, the remote assets include a handheld device (unnumbered mobile phone in bottom left of fig 1).

As to claims 3,24, the devices are mounted on vehicles (fig 1).

As to claims 5,26, Bunn discloses hybrid systems including a handheld device (mobile phone) and a combined navigation and sensor device (GPS receiver) both work on a wireless network (fig 1).

As to claims 6,27, there is a connection between the handheld device and the navigation and sensor device (fig 1, 36, 34).

As to claims 7,28, the GPS would inherently be able to tell when the vehicle arrived and left the jobsite as it is used to ascertain position of the receiver.

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As to claims 8,29, the system is shown to include means for reporting the location (fig 3, "Location (latitude and longitude)" and "Date & Time").

As to claims 9,30, Bunn discloses means for dispatching vehicles in response to work orders (rentals, fig 7A).

As to claims 10,31, the system includes means for automatically deriving work order status from reported arrival and departure (fig 7, "renter takes vehicle" and "renter returns vehicle").

As to claims 11,32, Bunn discloses tracking the vehicle for a time period (during rental).

As to claims 12, it is inherent that there is means in a mobile phone that tells its location (via which tower is receiving the signal).

As to claims 13-15 and 82, Bunn discloses means for automatically reporting on selected events such as arrivals and departures (fig 7B), this could be to an 'enterprise user'. The time period would be the rental period.

As to claims 17,41, the system is shown to automatically detect preselected events and reporting them ("Is vehicle being returned", fig 7B).

As to claims 18,42, as a GPS receiver reports on location information, it would inherently include means for detecting location of an event.

As to claims 19, the system includes means for detecting events (rentals) and means for reporting the events (fig 7B).

As to claims 20,40, the detecting means detects site location of an event (fig 3).

As to claim 45, as the system is shown to use the Internet, it would inherently use websites.

As to claims 46,60, the system handles customer logins (fig 7B, "Renter swipes card...").

As to claims 47,61, it would be inherent that the system manages the operation of the system.

As to claims 48,62, routers are inherent in computer systems that use the Internet.

As to claim 49, the GPS uses mapping while the system is shown to use text messages (fig 7C shows messages in text format).

As to claim 50, the system is shown to have work order management and dispatching applications (inherent in that it is shown to be used in rental agreements).

As to claims 51,64,67, the system is shown to have a short range wireless interface (mobile phone).

As to claim 55, the GPS receiver inherently includes the means for performing these functions.

As to claims 56, as best understood, and 63, the system would inherently save information (as it is a computer) and further, is shown to save location information (fig 3).

As to claim 57, the system is shown to automatically report the status of a vehicle arrival (fig 7A).

As to claim 70, Bunn discloses organizing data to be included in reports (fig 3).

As to claim 71, the user would only be authorized during the rental period and further would be limited to item pertaining to the users rental thereby meeting the limitations as claimed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 4,16,21,25,33-38,43,52-54,58,65,68,69 and 72-81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bunn.

Bunn discloses a system and method as discussed above.

As to claims 4,16,25,37,38,68,76, Bunn does not however, teach bundling packets of information to send together. The examiner takes Official Notice that it is old and well known in the art to bundle messages together to send as one packet. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the system as disclosed by Bunn by bundling communications together to reduce the amount of time a device is sending information.

As to claims 21,43, the examiner takes Official Notice that XML is very old and well known in the art and therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use XML as the system works on a computer and XML is very well known as being useful for use on computers.

As to claim 33, Bunn does not specifically teach the size of the GPS receiver. However, the examiner takes Official Notice that GPS receivers are very well known to

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be hand-held size. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to make the GPS hand-held size to reduce its size and weight for ease of handling.

As to claim 34-36, Bunn discloses means for automatically reporting on arrivals and departures (fig 7B), this could be to an 'enterprise user'.

As to claim 52, as best understood, 65,72, it is very well known in the art to use Internet mapping systems (such as GoogleMaps) which would be used on a browser and further to have mapping software on computers (such as that offered by DeLorme). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to include mapping systems as using latitude and longitude is not generally well known.

As to claims 53 and 73, it would be obvious to use a mapping system if it is included in the system.

As to claim 54, the channel is used to transmit different forms of data (fig 3).

As to claim 58, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a means for guaranteeing delivery of reports to ensure they are delivered.

As to claim 69, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide a means for guaranteeing delivery of reports to ensure they are delivered and further to use a "user datagram protocol" as these are well known to be useful in sending information packets.

As to claim 74, it is very well known in the art to update software when a newer version is available. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to update the software when available to ensure that all new roads are included in the software.

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As to claim 75, as the vehicles are rentals, it would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art for them to be dispatched to where work is performed as many renters are traveling on business and would inherently go to where work is performed.

As to claim 77, the examiner takes Official Notice that it is old and well known in the art to attempt to send information and to inform the sender if the information is not sent. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to notify the user if the information is not sent so the user would not await assistance that is not forthcoming.

As to claim 78, the data is organized into groups (that for each rental).

As to claim 79, it would be inherent that a rental company would include information on the types of vehicles rented.

As to claim 80, Bunn discloses using the location aware logic in conjunction with other data (fig 3).

As to claim 81, Bunn further teaches distance (odometer reading, fig 3). Bunn does not, however, teach speed and direction. The examiner takes Official Notice that GPS receivers are very well known to be able to track speed and heading (as the location is changing the speed and heading would be ascertainable). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to ascertain speed and heading to determine if the vehicle is moving as a stopped vehicle could mean a more serious problem. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael J. Fisher whose telephone number is 571-272-6804. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 7:30am-5:00pm alt Fri. off.

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